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To: Rural Medical Access Program Interested Parties

From: Rural Health Manager
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Date: March 27, 2015

Re: 2015 Rural Medical Access Program Application

Rural Medical Access Program Background:

The Rural Medical Access Program (RMAP) is jointly administered by Maine Rural Health and Primary Care Program and the Bureau of Insurance. The program promotes obstetrical and prenatal care in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations and Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas of Maine through assistance with insurance premiums for eligible obstetricians and family or general practice physicians. To be considered for RMAP, physicians must be practicing in Maine, have performed deliveries and/or provided prenatal care and have malpractice insurance for prenatal care and/or obstetrical services, all for at least the period of July 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014.

Priority determination*:

1. Physicians whose practices are located in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations or Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas, who practice at least 50% of the time in underserved areas, and whose practice includes at least 10% MaineCare patient visits.
2. Physicians whose practices are not located in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations or Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas but are located in Primary Care Analysis Areas of under 20,000 population and at least 50% of the visits are patients from federally designated underserved areas and/or MaineCare.

* To find out if your site qualifies, please refer to the maps on our website:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/health-equity/rhpc/hpsa.shtml>

Enclosed please find the 2015 application for the Maine Rural Medical Access Program.

This application must be completed and returned to Maine Rural Health and Primary Care Program by Friday, May 1, 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted. Please send to:

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Maine Rural Health and Primary Care Program
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Applications may also be faxed to 287-5431. If you have any questions or need additional applications, please feel free to call us at 287-5524.